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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, JANUARY 20: PRESSURE
CONTINUES FOR CANADIAN DECLARATION ON NON-DISCRIMINA-
TORY ENERGY ACCESS

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AT THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL HELD
IN BRUSSELS ON JANUARY 20, THE DANISH DELEGATION LEAD A CAMPAIGN
TO BLOCK THE APPROVAL OF A NEGOTIATING MANDATE FOR EC COMMISSION
DISCUSSIONS ON ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH CANADA.
BEFORE AGREEING TO THIS MANDATE, THE DANES, SUPPORTED BY OTHER
MEMBER STATES, SAY IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE CANADIAN
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GOVERNMENT TO "SUBSCRIBE FULLY" TO THE PORTION OF THE IEA

LONG-TERM COOPERATION AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR NON-DISCRIMINATORY ACCESS (BY IEA MEMBERS) TO CANADA'S ENERGY RESOURCES (CHAPTER V). END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL ON JANUARY 20, THE DANISH DELEGATION LEAD A CAMPAIGN TO BLOCK APPROVAL OF A MANDATE AUTHORIZING THE EC COMMISSION TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH CANADA COVERING ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS. THE DANES REPORTEDLY, HOWEVER, SAID THAT IF THE CANADIANS MAKE A STATEMENT AGREEING TO NON-DISCRIMINATORY ACCESS TO ENERGY IN THE IEA THEY WILL NOT INSIST THAT THE REQUIREMENT FOR A SIMILAR STATEMENT IN THE EC/CANADA AGREEMENT BE INSERTED IN THE EC COMMISSION'S NEGOTIATING MANDATE.

3. PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL SESSION, OTHER DELEGATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE BELGIANS, INDICATED VARYING DEGREES OF SUPPORT FOR THE DANISH POSITION. AT HIS POST-COUNCIL PRESS CONFERENCE, LUXEMBOURG FOREIGN MINISTER THORN EMPHASIZED THAT THE DECISION NOT TO APPROVE THE COMMISSION'S NEGOTIATING MANDATE AT THIS TIME HAD BEEN TAKEN BY ALL NINE MEMBER STATES, SAYING THAT IT WAS NOT FAIR TO SPEAK ONLY OF DANISH RESISTENCE.

4. A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN CANADIAN AMBASSADOR CADIEUX AND SOAMES' CHEF DE CABINET HANNAY IS BEING REPORTED IN OUR CABLE ENTITLED "IEA LONG TERM COOPERATION AGREEMENT: EC COMMISSION VIEWS."GREENWALD

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